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In re U.S. Patent

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Application For: A MATTING AGENT
RADIATION FOR
CURING COATINGS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTHonorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sirs:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below. This Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with the Utility Patent Transmittal forwarding the above-identified application. As indicated in Box 21 of the Transmittal, it is requested that the filing fees be calculated on the basis of the amendments below. The application being filed concurrently herewith claims priority on U.S. Provisional Application 60/129,007 filed April 13, 1999.

In the Claims

As indicated in Box 21 of the the accompanying Utility Patent Transmittal, please cancel claims 11-19 and replace them with the following new claims.

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20. A coating composition comprising a radiation curable component and a matting agent component, the matting agent component having a median particle size in the range of 2-12 microns, a wax content in the range of about 15 to 30% by weight of the total composition and a silica having a pore volume in the range of about 0.8 to 1.4 cc/g.

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